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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ARTICLE ON DAEDALUS EQUIPMENT SALE

REF: (A) STATE 144409 (B) PEKING 1335

1. ARTICLE CITED IN REF B AND REQUESTED IN REF A FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE WASHINGTON, MAY 9 REUTER -- THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
HAS BLOCKED THE SALE OF AIRBORNE GEOLOGICAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT
TO CHINA BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE MILITARY APPLICATIONS, THE
STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE INFRARED SCANNING EQUIPMENT, WHICH CHINA
PLANNED TO USE FOR GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION WAS REPORTED TO
BE WORTH 2.8 MILLION DOLLARS AND IS MANUFACTURED BY THE
DAEDALUS CORPORATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

"THE EQUIPMENT HAS OTHER POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS
THAT RAISE SECURITY CONCERNS FOR US," DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
HODDING CARTER SAID.

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THE DECISION REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN THE POLICY
OF SEEKING INCREASED TRADE WITH CHINA, HE WENT ON. "BUT
THERE ARE ALWAYS SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS".

THE ACTION, WHICH CAN BE APPEALED, CAME LESS THAN
TWO WEEKS BEFORE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI WAS TO FLY TO PEKING FOR
CONSULTATIONS.

EXPORT OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
IS SUBJECT TO LICENSE BY THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, WHICH
FOLLOWS THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY PANEL.
UNQUOTE.

3. THE FOREGOING ARTICLE APPEARED ON PP 16-17 OF
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